of monitoring stations, green belt development, control on indiscriminate growth of industries towards the Coringa Sanctuary and effective arrangements for ensuring protection of marine life in the sanctuary.

(c) Does not arise.

Cutting of Trees in Park of Kaka Nagar, New Delhi

1037. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that parks cannot be denotified for constructing buildings:

(b) whether Government are aware that a Barat Ghar is being constructed in a park of Kaka Nagar, New Delhi against the will of the affected residents; and

(c) if so, what action would be taken against those who have cut trees and destroyed environment of the said parks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Details of the case are being ascertained from Delhi Administration and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Illegal mining and tree felling in Dehradoon

1038. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express of the 13th April, 1993 under the heading "Rape of the Valley".

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and since when the activities regarding the illegal mining and felling of trees in Doon Valley are going on ;

(c) who are responsible for it; and

(d) what steps Government have so far taken to check and control such illegal activities of certain persons in connivance with the officials and to save the beauty of the valley ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The issues raised are fully within the purview of the State Government. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been advised to ensure that no such illegal activities are permitted in the area for maintaining ecological balance of the valley.

Assessment regarding environment hazards

1039. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment was made regarding environmental hazard created due to 'Bauxite' mining in Koraput and Kalahandi in Orissa State;

(b) if so, what is the report; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to make any assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) National Aluminium Company have submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment report on the proposed expansion of the existing Bauxite mine in Koraput

District of Orissa. The report *interalia* covers the details of mining and Environmental Management Plan.

The report will be assessed while considering environmental clearance of the proposal.

Sanctuary in Kalahandi district in Orissa

1040. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa to create a Sanctuary in Kalahandi district; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, whether the central Government propose to create a sanctuary in Karlapat region within Thuamal-Rampur Block in Kalahandi district in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have declared 'Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary' vide its Gazette Notification No. 24498/F&E dated 15-10-92 under Section 18 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The State Government is empowered by the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to declare an area as wildlife sanctuary.

Construction activities inside the boundaries of sanctuaries

1041. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction activities and building of roads are taking place inside the boundaries of sanctuaries and national parks in various states in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 threatening the wild life and the environs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) In terms of the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 only such construction activity can be permitted in a Sanctuary or a National Park as is ancillary to conservation, development and management of forests and wildlife. There are no reports that construction activity is being permitted in the Sanctuaries and National Parks in violation of the Act.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National Parks Face Danger From Skies

1042. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press news-item captioned 'National Parks face danger from skies' as reported in the Indian Express dated the 3rd February, 1993;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government have recently contemplated any steps to save the National Parks from the danger of skies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?